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# Child

*Kanthi Dhaduvai*

Child,  
Where are you now?  
Where have you been?  
Gathering hangers,  
Zipping up jackets,  
Giggling through tangled hair.  
Do you know  
You are a god.  
Do you know  
The past and the future  
Make love in you,  
Dance on your perfect crown,  
And touch your eyes with gold dust.  
As I watch, stumble across  
The wisdom of your life,  
Faintly familiar, enchanting  
Like a smell,  
Your petals are poised skyward.  
Free, unbroken, unafraid  
Of gravity's greatest pleasure  
And the blind beatings  
Designed to quiet you.